CITY OF MIAMI BEACH

Office of the City Manager

Letter to Commission No.___

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Date: April 23, 2004

To:

Mayor David Dermer and

Members of the City Commission

From:

Jorge M. Gonzalez

City Manager

Subject:

Arbor Day 2004 Planting Ceremony

You are cordially invited to attend the Miami Beach Arbor Day Tree Planting Ceremony Friday, April 30th, 2004 at Poinciana Park. The event is hosted by the Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department and the Miami Beach Beautification Committee.

In recognition of this year's Arbor Day, The Miami Beach Parks & Recreation Department and the Miami Beach Beautification Committee are hosting a tree planting ceremony at Poinciana Park. Located at the intersection of La Gorce Drive, Alton Road and W. 63rd Street, Poinciana Park offers a great opportunity for planting trees and beautifying the local area. The local chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) recently held a design charette with members of the community and developed a conceptual plan for the park. The City of Miami Beach Parks Division has agreed to purchase new trees to be planted as part of those proposed improvements in celebration of Arbor Day 2004.

The Beautification Committee has invited students from Biscayne Elementary School to attend, and in addition to the tree planting ceremony there will be brief educational sessions on the important roles that trees play in the ecosystem. Light refreshments and handouts will be provided. The events will begin at 10:30 a.m. and public participation and attendance are welcomed.

For more information on this event please contact Dale Bryant in the Miami Beach Parks and Recreation Department, 305-673-7730.

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